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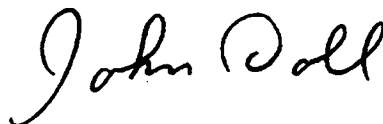
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(54) **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR CULTURING A BIOLOGICAL TOOTH**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Tooth tissues include the pulp mesenchyme that forms the dentin and an epithelium that is responsible for enamel formation. Cells from these tissues were obtained from porcine third molars and were seeded onto a biodegradable scaffold composed of a polyglycolic acid—polylactic acid copolymer. Cell polymer constructs were then surgically implanted into the omentum of athymic nude rats so that the constructs would have a blood supply and these tissues were allowed to develop inside the rats. Infrequently, columnar epithelial cells were observed as a single layer on the outside of the dentin-like matrix similar to the actual arrangement of ameloblasts over dentin during early tooth development. Developing tooth tissues derived from such cell polymer constructs could eventually be surgically implanted into the gum of an edentulous recipient where the construct would receive a blood supply and develop to maturity, providing the recipient with a biological tooth replacement.

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Tooth Scaffolds

PGA + PLLA



Fig. 1

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Tooth Scaffolds-PLGA

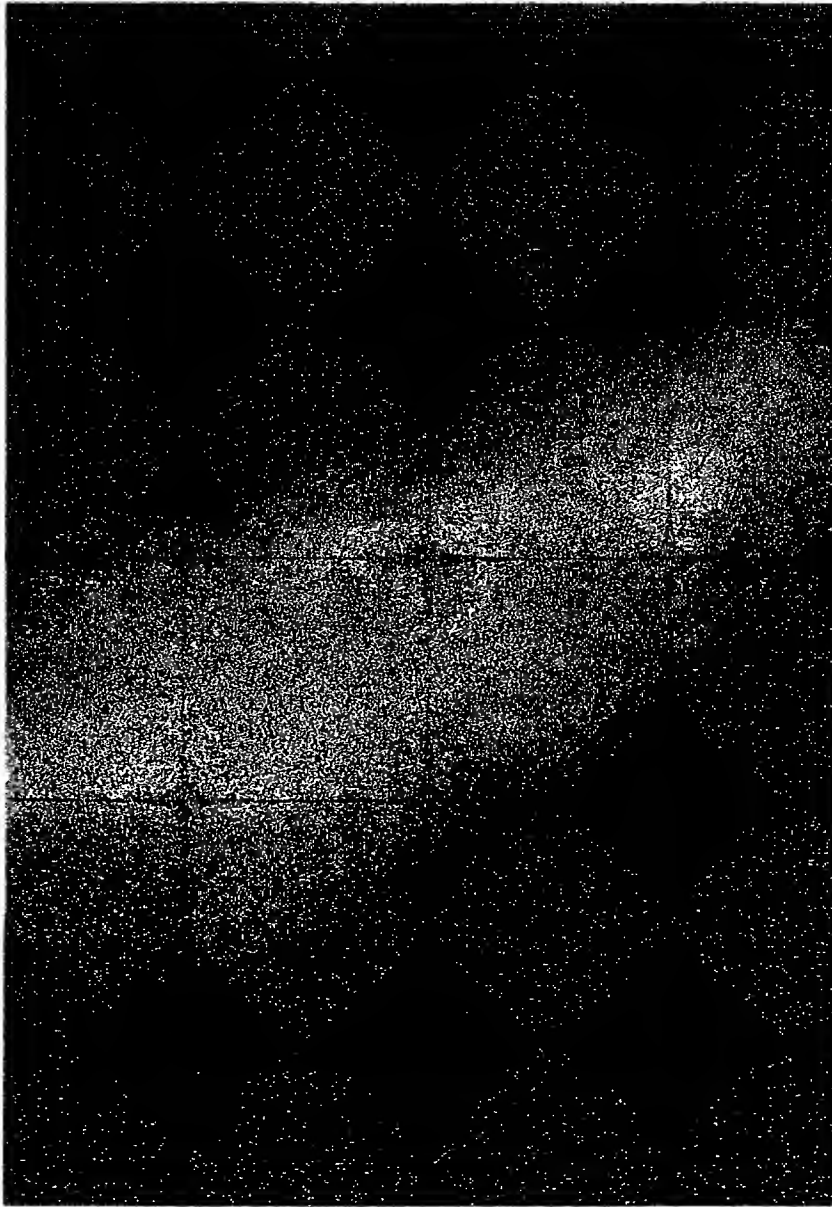


Fig. 2

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SEM-PLGA Scaffold + Salt

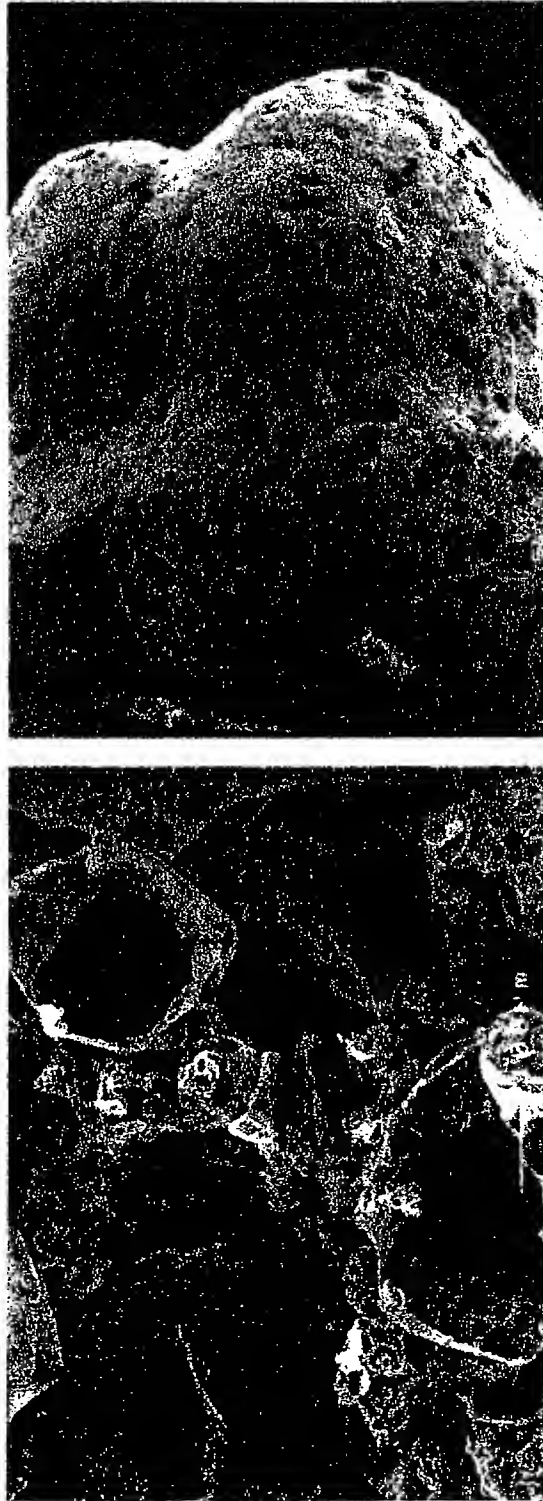


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SEM-PLGA Scaffold + Sugar

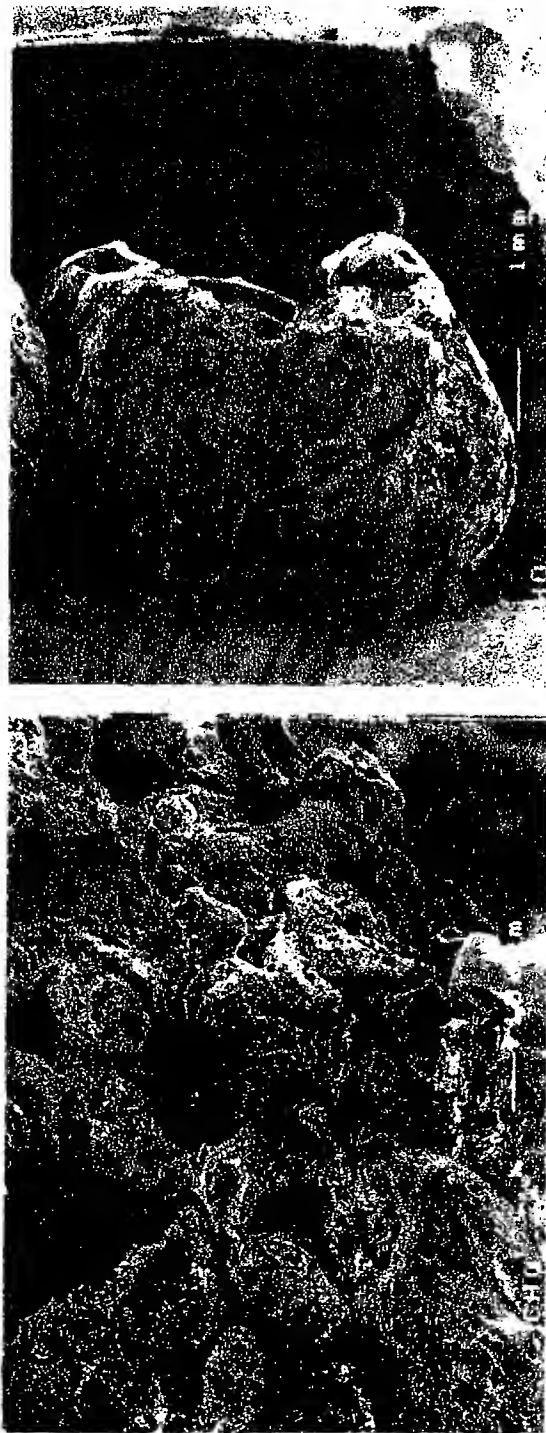


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Removal of Porcine Third Molar



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Removal of Porcine Third Molar

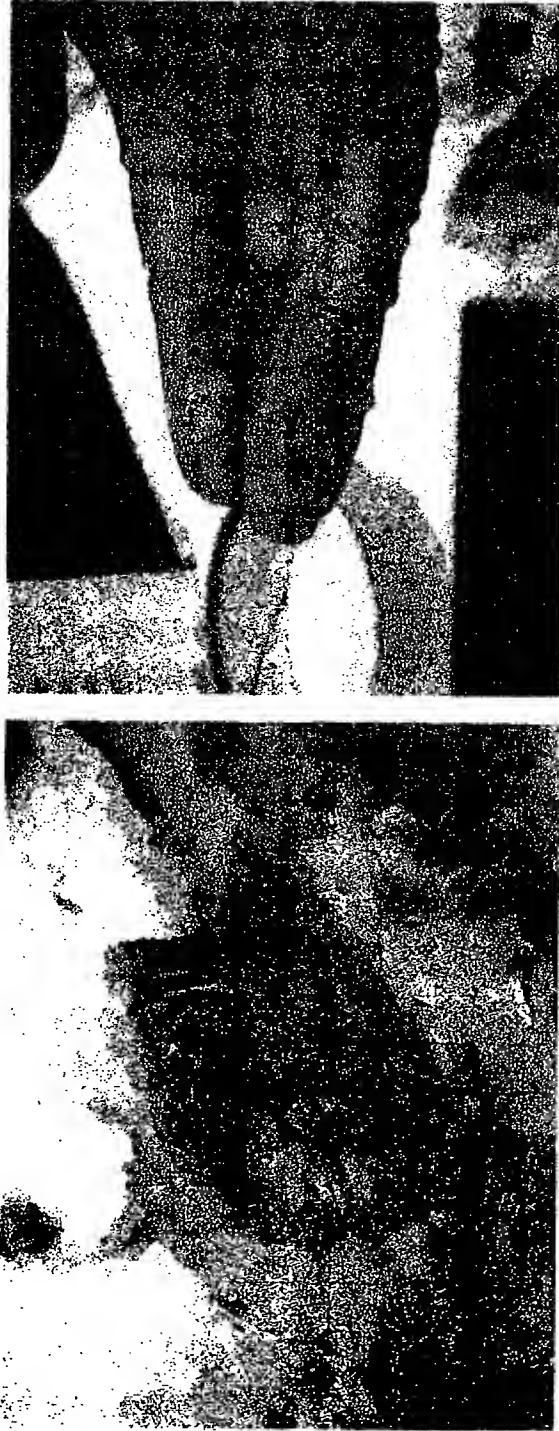


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Porcine Tooth Tissue Culture

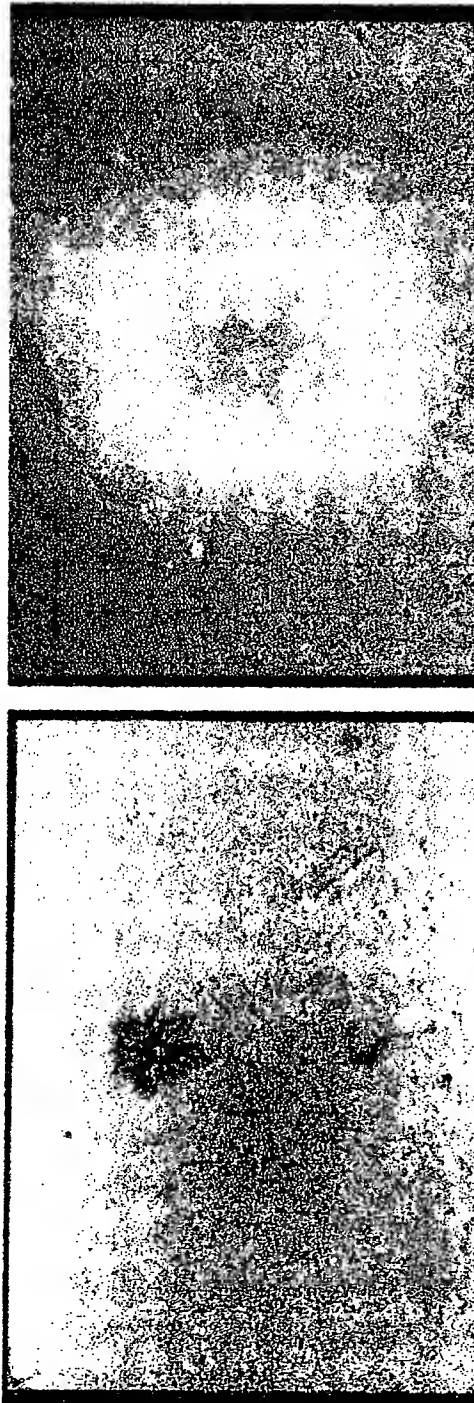


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Tissue Culture-Von Kossa Stain

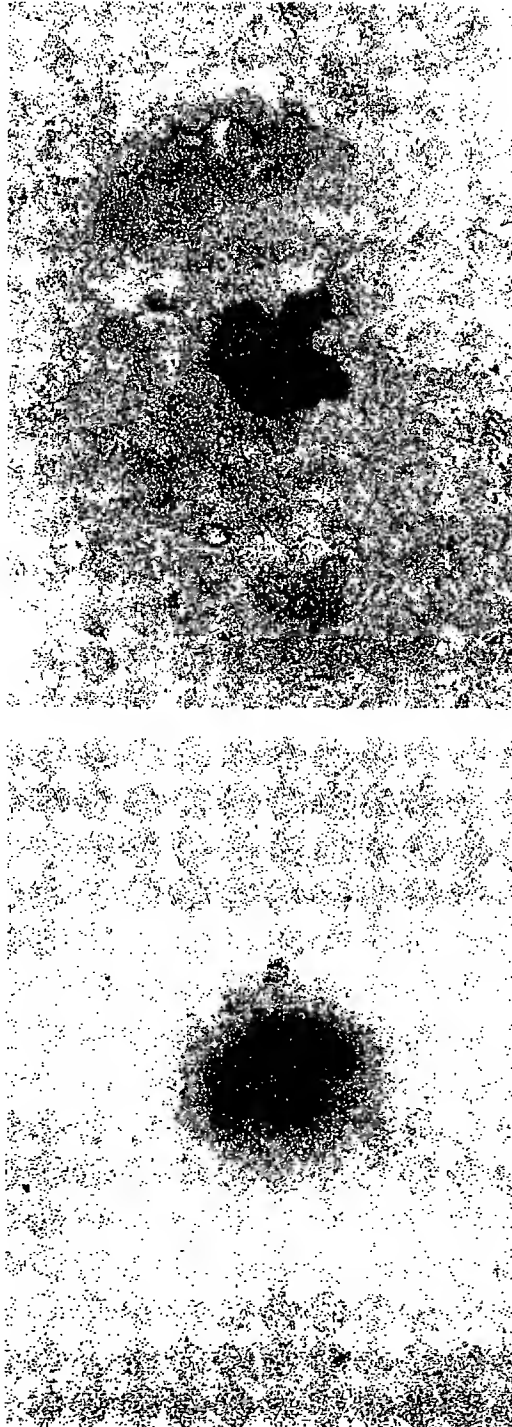


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Rat Radiographs - Human Tooth

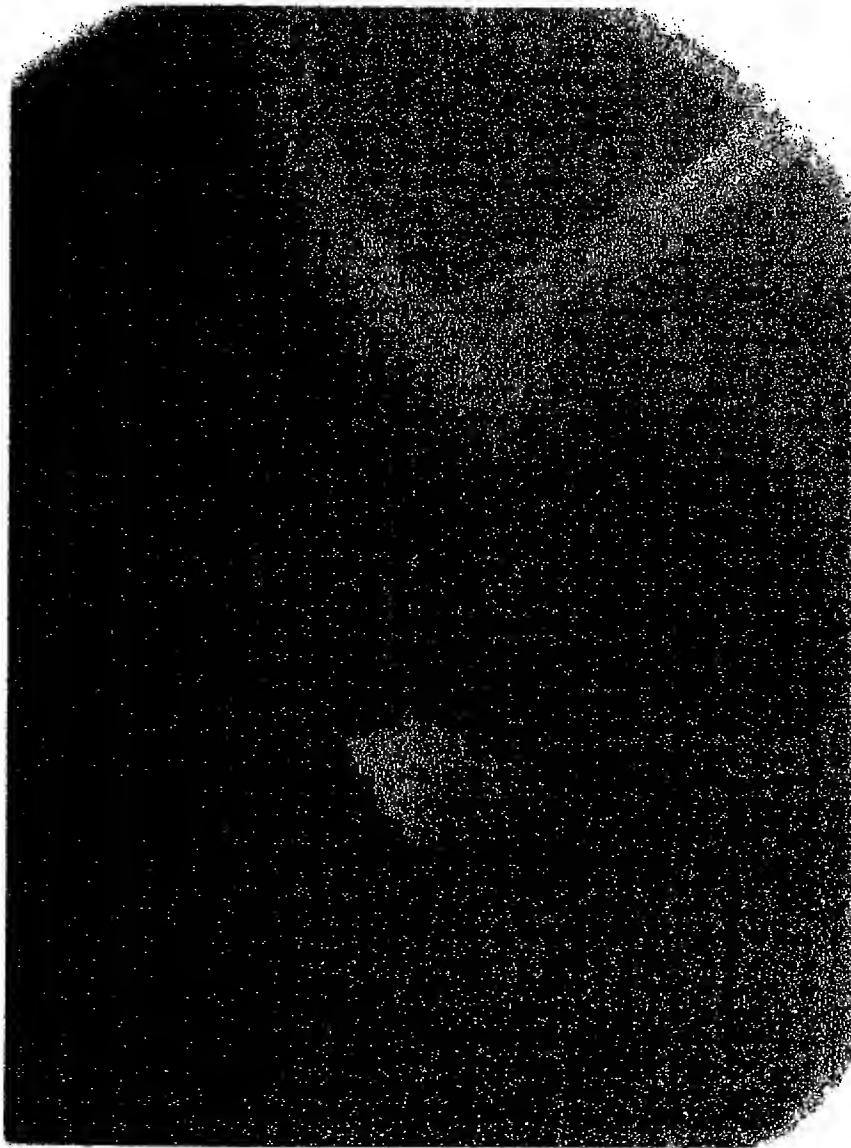


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Rat Radiographs - Implant, 7.5 weeks

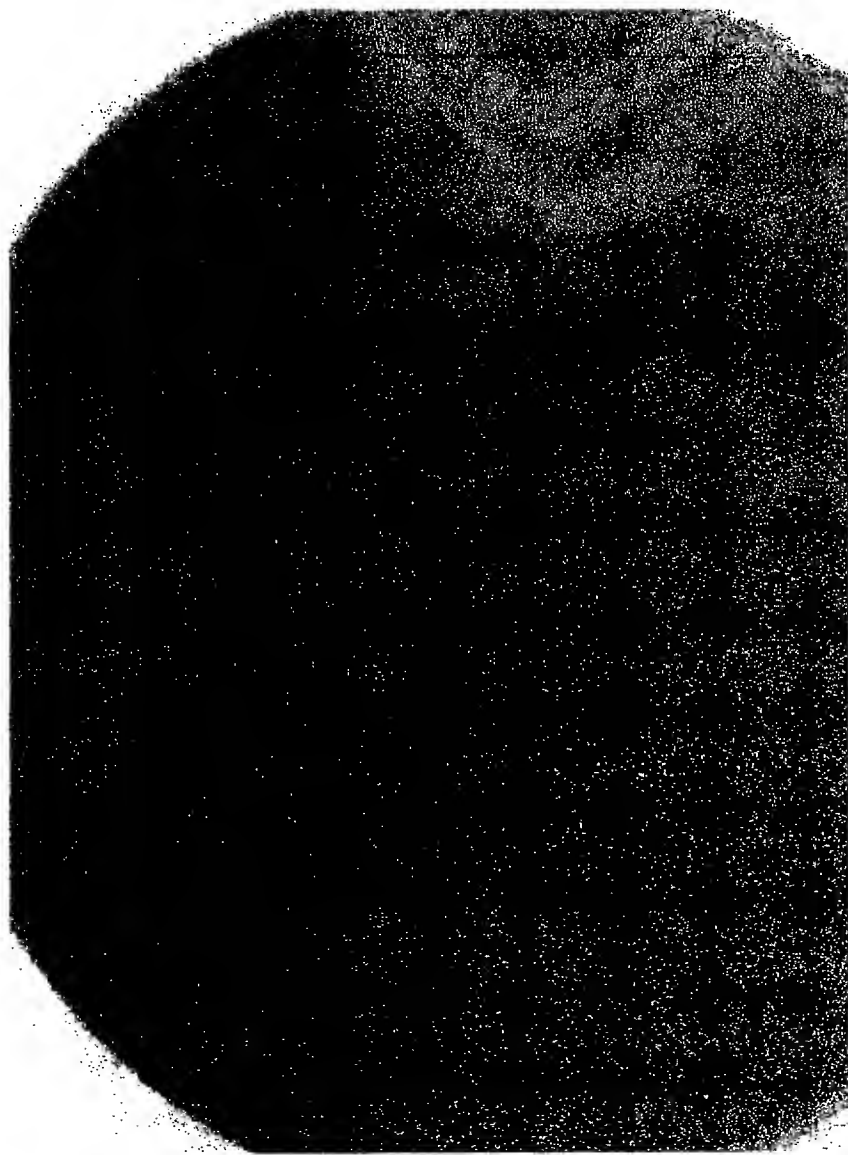


Fig. 10

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Dissection of Tissue



Fig. 11

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**Dissection of Tooth Tissue
7.5 weeks**



Fig. 12

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Dissected Tooth Tissue - 7.5 Weeks



Fig. 13

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Dissected Tooth Tissue Cysts - 7.5 Weeks

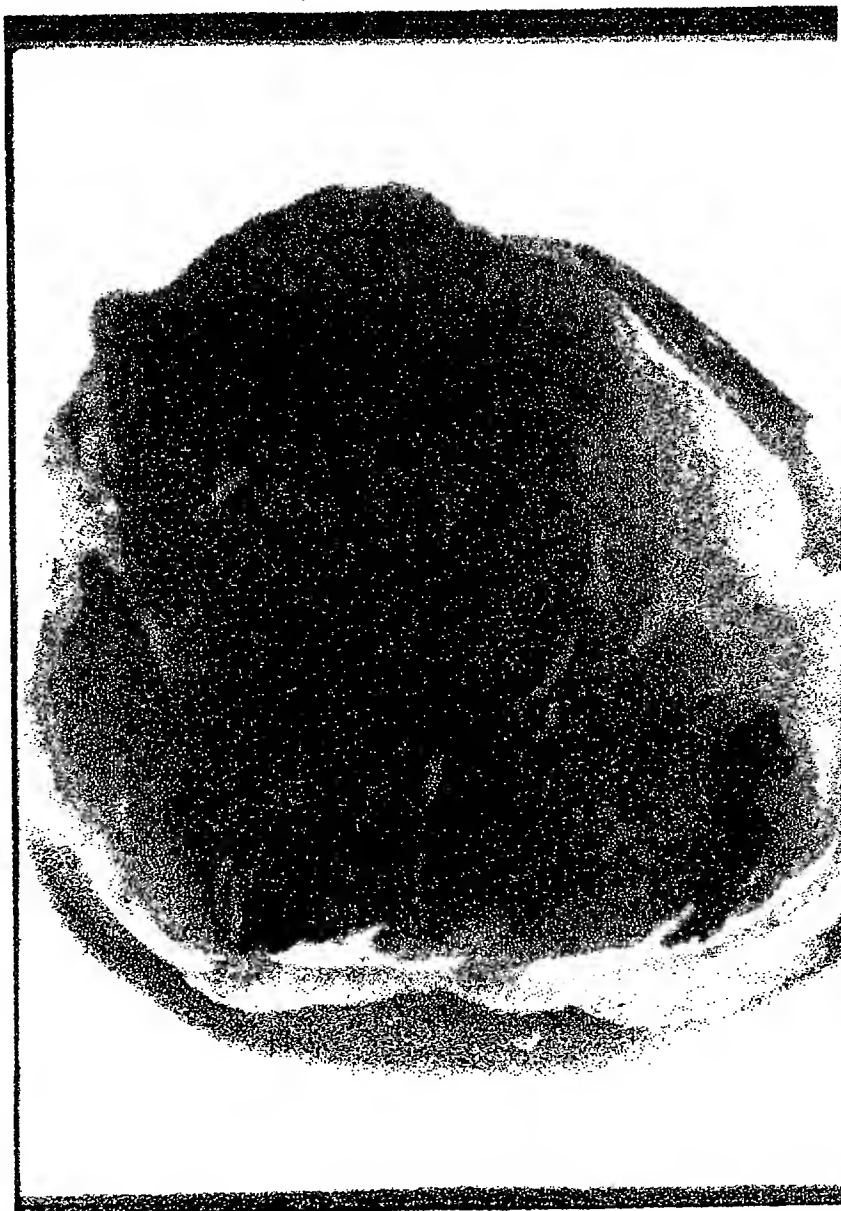


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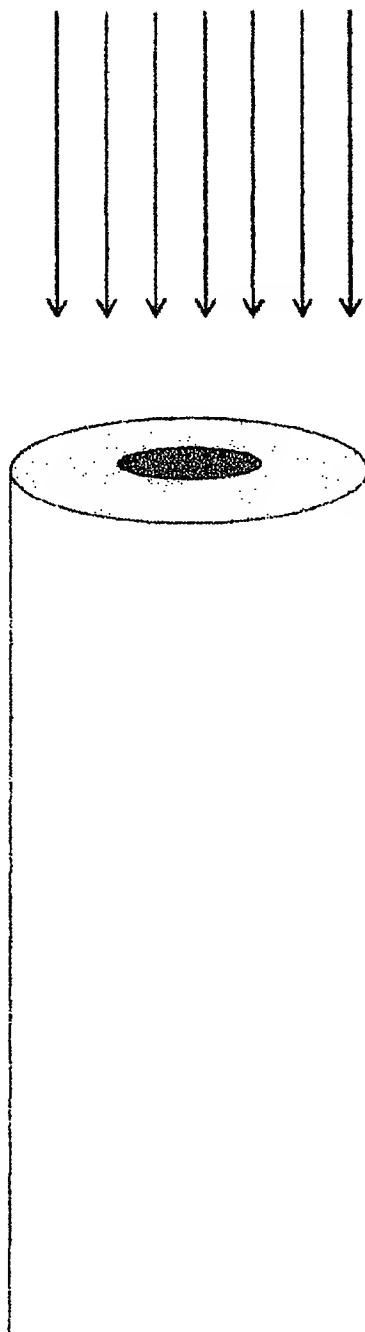


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Goldner's Stain
Green = mineralized tissue



Fig. 16

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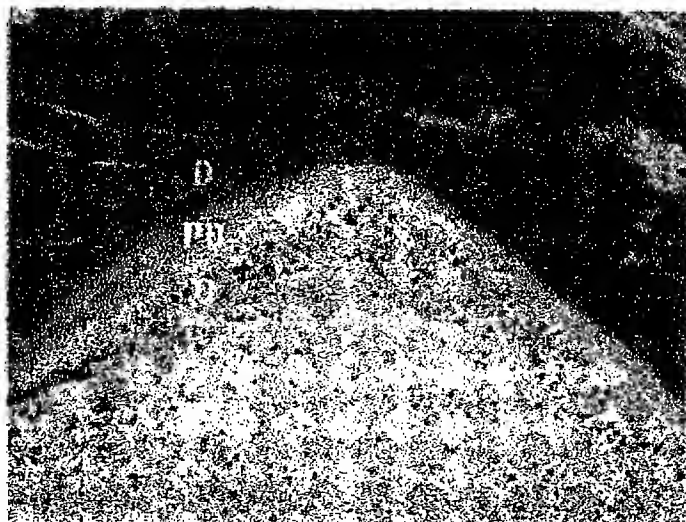
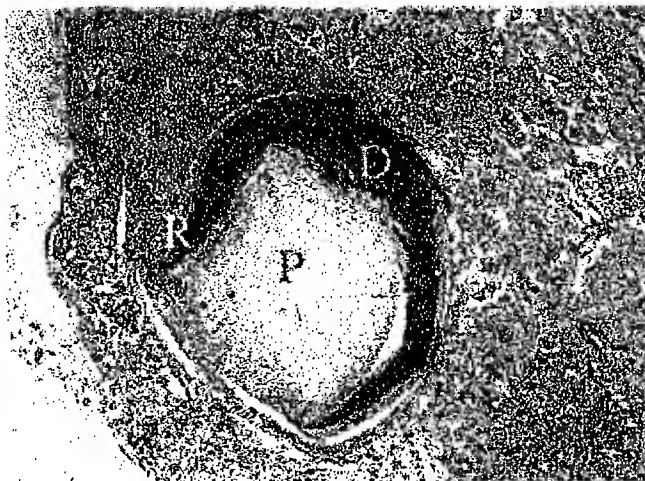


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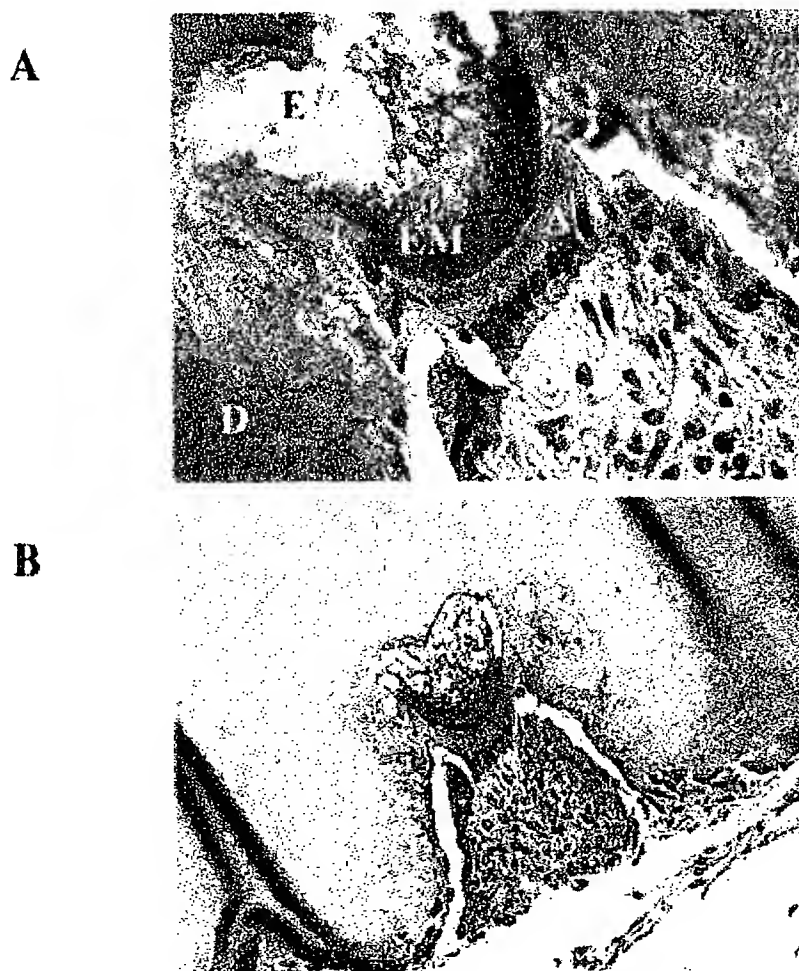


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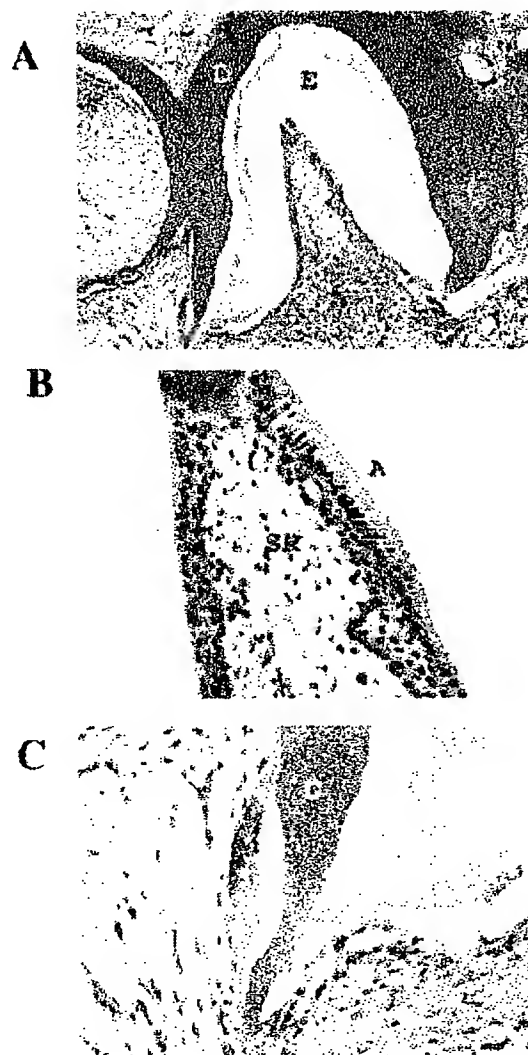


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